GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:327
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2002
SETTING UP OF FAST TRACK COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have warned the State Governments thatfor non-compliance of setting up of fast track courts by December 31,2002, there shall be curtailment of funds allotted to the States, for the said purpose;

(b) if so, the response of the respective States in this regard;

(c) the total number of fast track courts instituted so far, State-wise;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to make the remaining fast track courts functional;

(e) whether State Governments have also been asked to expedite the disposal of human rights cases on priority; and

(f) if so, the details of such cases pending in courts and by when such cases are likely to be disposed of?

Answer

MINISTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.327 DUE FOR ANSWEF 12.12.2002.

(a) No, Sir. However, the States are being constantly persuaded to set up full number of fast track courts at the earliest.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State-wise number of fast track courts instituted/notified is as per Annexe.

(d) Government is taking necessary steps to improve the performance of the Fast Track Courts in close association with the concerned State Governments, the High Courts and with the Ministry of Finance. The Government has been constantly requesting the State Governments to make the remaining Fast Track Courts functional at the earliest, and has also been drawing their attention to the directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 6th May, 2002 in TC No.22 of 2001, Brij Mohan Lal Vs. Union of Indi& Ors. The Supreme Court is also monitoring the functioning of the Fast Track Courts in the Brij Mohan Lal case.

(e) Disposal of cases including Human Rights cases falls within the substantive function of the Judiciary. However, Fast Track Courts also promote the cause of human rights by speeding up the disposal of long pending sessions cases and cases of undertrials who have been in jails for a long time. Some of the State Governments have notified `Human Rights Courts` as provided in section 30 of the Protection of Human Rights Act `93, for disposal of cases expeditiously.

(f) No such information is maintained in the Department.

ANNEXE

Statement in reply to part (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.327 due for answer on 12.12.2002 showing the number of Fast Track Courts instituted /notifed by the States

Sr.No.	Name of the State	No.of Fast Track Courts instituted/notifed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	- 86
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	- 3

3. Assam - 20

4. Bihar - 183

5. Chhattisgarh - 31
6. Goa - 3

7 Gujarat - 36

8. Haryana - 12

9. Himachal Pradesh -
10. Jammu & Kashmir - 43
11. Jharkhand - 89
12. Karnataka - 13
13. Kerala - 27
14. Madhya Pradesh - 85
15. Maharashtra - 104
16. Manipur - 2
17. Meghalaya - 2
18. Mizoram - 3
19. Nagaland - 2
20. Orissa - 39
21. Punjab - 6
22. Rajasthan - 83
23. Sikkim -
24. Tamil Nadu - 49
25. Tripura - 3
26. Uttaranchal - 45
27. Uttar Pradesh - 206
28. West Bengal - 59

Total - 1234